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In re application of:

Lonnie L. Buie, Jr.

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For: Apparatus and Method for Protecting Grounding Electrode Conductors from Overcurrents

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Dear sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following in connection with the above-identified continuation-in-part application:

- 1) Continuation-in-part application, including 27 pages of specification, and 8 pages of drawings:
- 2) inventor declaration;
- 3) information disclosure statement, including Form PTO-1449 and cited references;
- 4) Check payable to Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks in the amount of \$370; and
- 5) self-addressed, stamped return postcard.

This application is entitled to small entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to refund any overpayment or to charge any underpayment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0395. This transmittal letter is being submitted in duplicate. If you have any questions or comments regarding the enclosures, or if any problems arise in filing the application or recording the assignment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: /-/0-02

Mark Rogers

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